

Social issue DVDs – *list 1*– selected titles

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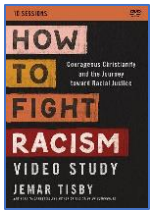
ATOMIC STATES OF AMERICA (101087) In 2010, the United States approved the first new nuclear power plant in 32 years, heralding a "Nuclear Renaissance". But that was before the Fukushima accident in Japan renewed a fierce public debate over the safety and viability of nuclear power. This DVD documentary journeys to nuclear reactor communities around the country to provide a comprehensive exploration of the history and impact to date of nuclear power, and to investigate the truths and myths about nuclear energy. Based in part on Kelly McMasters' book "Welcome to Shirley", about growing up in the shadow of the Brookhaven National Lab on Long Island, the film explores the evidence for serious health consequences documented by people living in Shirley, as well as near other nuclear facilities. Their concerns call into question who can be trusted to provide truthful information, and how much influence the nuclear industry has over the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and its decisions. Copyright limit: Your church can only show this DVD in a group of its own members (cannot advertise to the general public)

CHURCH AND GENOCIDE: AN INTERVIEW WITH HUBERT LOCKE (103151) This DVD, which can be used as a companion piece to 'Theologians Under Hitler' (#120006), is an interview with Professor Hubert Locke. He addresses the Church and genocide; the importance of studying the Nazi period; the Church's most basic creed; the importance of Barth, Bonhoeffer, and Niemoller; and the failures and successes of the Church during the Third Reich. 44 Minutes.

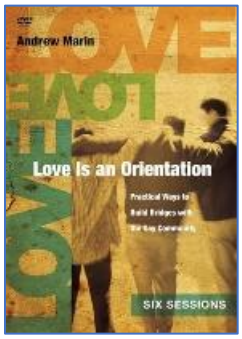
FORGED BY FIRE: UNTOLD STORIES OF FAITH (106016) This series of five extraordinary stories, told by United Methodist people with a commitment to being the church in a transformed society, takes root in the deeply complex historical struggles of their ancestors. These stories point to the resilience of the church and people of faith as they dare to act with freedom and with unity to restore community and resist dominant norms, behaviors, and perceptions that justify hate based on race, ethnicity, nationality, and language. Five segments: 1) U.S. Internment of Japanese American Communities (10 min.); 2) The Trail of Tears: Cherokee Forced Removal (9 min.); 3) Underground Railroad: African-American Passage to Freedom (7 min.); 4) When the Border Crosses over Us: Hispanic/Latino Struggles on the U.S. Mexican Border (12 min.); 5) The Newest Immigrants: Pacific Islanders (8 min.). Includes guide. 46 Minutes.



HAZARDOUS SAINTS: CHRISTIANS RISKING ALL, CHANGING EVERYTHING (108052) Author: Robertson, C. K. Join the Rev. Dr. C. K. Robertson on a journey through Christian history, following in the footsteps of six remarkable Christian 'saints' who risked all for the sake of the Gospel. Each DVD segment concludes with your choice of three endings, one for individuals, one for small groups, and one for leadership teams. Each ending offers suggestions and challenges relevant to each group. Sessions: 1) Barnabas -- the subversive bridgebuilder (17 min.); 2) Francis of Assisi -- the lovable rebel (21 min.); 3) Thomas Cranmer -- the tightrope walker (18 min.); 4) Sojourner Truth -- the persevering prophet (14 min.); 5) Dorothy Day -- the idealistic realist (16 min.); 6) Oscar Romero -- the people's voice (23 min.). Includes guide. 109 Minutes.



HOW TO FIGHT RACISM: COURAGEOUS CHRISTIANITY AND THE JOURNEY TOWARD RACIAL JUSTICE (108076) This 10-session DVD study is a how-to guide for pursuing racial justice. By providing a series of hands-on suggestions for practice bolstered by real-world examples of change, Jemar Tisby offers viewers an array of actionable items to help them become proactive initiators of racial justice. Far more than a simple list of items to do, it also provides a simple framework to help viewers consistently interrogate their own actions and maintain a posture of anti-racist action. This video study is for anyone who believes it is time for the church to stop compromising with racism and courageously confront it. Sessions: 1) How to fight racism (15 min.); 2) How to explain race and the image of God (30 min.); 3) How to explore your racial identity (19 min.); 4) How to study the history of race (18 min.); 5) How to do reconciliation right (20 min.); 6) How to make friends (17 min.); 7) How to build diverse communities (16 min.); 8) How to work for racial justice (16 min.); 9) How to fight systemic racism (26 min.); 10) How to orient your life to racial justice (17 min.); 11) Conclusion (4 min.). Includes guide and hardback book. CLOSED CAPTIONED. 198 Minutes.



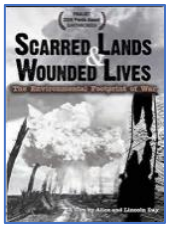
LOVE IS AN ORIENTATION: PRACTICAL WAYS TO BUILD BRIDGES WITH THE GAY COMMUNITY (112136) In this six-session DVD study, Andrew Marin leads you in peaceful and productive ways to engage the theological, political, and social disconnects between the Christian community and the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender communities. Rather than avoiding the topic of homosexuality, this study aims to equip the Christian community to bridge the gap between LGBT and religious communities. Instead of discussing how to "fix" gay people, this study is all about getting to know them, engage them, and love them like Jesus does. After this study, you, your small group, and your church will know what it means to peacefully and productively build bridges with the LGBT community. Sessions: 1) Love is our orientation (24 min.); 2) Building bridges (24 min.); 3) Theology of bridge builders (16 min.); 4) Answering tough questions (21 min.); 5) Adolescents and sexuality (23 min.); 6) Living in the tension (29 min.). DVD also includes six interviews (7-11 min. each). Includes guide and paperback book. CLOSED CAPTIONED. 137 Minutes.



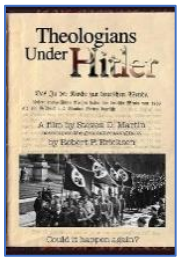
ON BEAUTY (115025) A film about challenging norms and redefining beauty. This DVD follows fashion photographer Rick Guidotti, who left the fashion world when he grew frustrated with having to work within the restrictive parameters of the industry's standard of beauty. After a chance encounter with a young woman who had the genetic condition albinism, Rick re-focused his lens on those too often relegated to the shadows to change the way we see and experience beauty. At the center of this film are two of Rick's photo subjects: Sarah and Jayne. In eighth grade Sarah left public school because she was bullied so harshly for the birthmark on her face and brain. Jayne lives with albinism in Eastern Africa where society is blind to her unique health and safety needs and where witch doctors hunt people with her condition to sell their body parts. We follow Rick as he uses his lens to challenge convention and media's narrow scope of with the help of two extraordinary women. Copyright limit: Your church can only show this DVD in a group of its own members (cannot advertise to the general public) 30 Minutes.



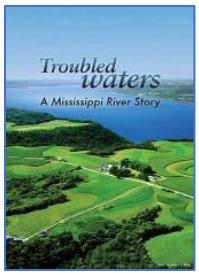
PATSY MINK: AHEAD OF THE MAJORITY (116104) In 1965, Patsy Takemoto Mink became the first woman of color in the United States Congress. Seven years later, she ran for the US presidency and was the driving force behind Title IX, the landmark legislation that transformed women's opportunities in higher education and athletics. She was an Asian American woman who fought racism and sexism while redefining US politics. Her tumultuous, often lonely political journey reveals what can be at stake for female politicians that defy expectations, push limits and adhere to their principles. She encountered sexism within her own party, whose leaders disliked her independent style and openly maneuvered against her. And her liberal views, particularly her vocal opposition to the Vietnam War, engendered intense criticism. A woman of the people as well as a pioneer, a patriot and an outcast, Patsy Mink's intriguing story of fighting for the rights of the disenfranchised embodies the history, ideals and spirit of America. Copyright limit: Your church can only show this DVD in a group of its own members (cannot advertise to the general public) 56 Minutes.



SCARRED LANDS AND WOUNDED LIVES: THE ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINT OF WAR (119113) This DVD explores the environmental effects of war. In all its stages -- the production of weapons through combat to cleanup and restoration -- war pollutes land, air, and water, destroys biodiversity, and drains natural resources. The DVD also contains a supplemental guide with additional information. Bonus segments: Ecosystems, War, and Climate Change (4 min.); Environmental Pathways to Peace-Building (4 min.); Forging a New Ethic (5 min.); The Top Priority (4 min.); Interview with the filmmakers (6 min.). Copyright limit: Your church can only show this DVD in a group of its own members (cannot advertise to the general public) 67 Minutes.



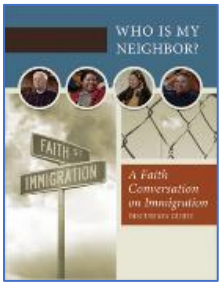
THEOLOGIANS UNDER HITLER (120006) In the days after World War II, a convenient story was told of church leaders and ordinary Christians that defied the Nazis from the beginning. Recent research has uncovered a very different story. Rather than resisting, the greater part of the German church saw Hitler's rise in 1933 as an act of God's blessing, a new chapter in the story of God among the German people. This DVD introduces viewers to three of the greatest Christian scholars of the 20th century: Paul Althaus, Emanuel Hirsch, and Gerhard Kittel, men who were also outspoken supporters of Adolf Hitler and the Nazi Party (56 minutes). Extra features include 'Discovery in the Archives' (25 min.), 'A Pastor Remembers' (5 min.), and 16 photographs from the period. Includes 2 study guides. See also the DVD 'Church and Genocide' (#103151). 86 Minutes.



TROUBLED WATERS: A MISSISSIPPI RIVER STORY (120060) This DVD documentary traces the development of America's bountiful harvest and examines its effect on the legendary river, as well as the "dead zone" created in the Gulf of Mexico. Knitting together federal energy, farm and environmental policies, the film makes a compelling case for revamping US agricultural policy and practices. It also helps viewers to grasp a profound truth – that a single drop of water in the upper Midwest has an impact far downstream. Through beautiful photography and narrative, it emphasizes solutions, providing a hopeful blueprint for progress and positive change. The film tells the stories of farmers, scientists and citizens who are pursuing more sustainable land-use practices that meet the goals of an ambitious, food-producing nation, while ensuring the long-term health of its most precious natural resources. Copyright limit: Your church can only show this DVD in a group of its own members (cannot advertise to the general public) 57 Minutes.



WHITE RIGHT: MEETING THE ENEMY (123112) In this Emmy-winning documentary, acclaimed Muslim filmmaker Deeyah Khan meets U.S. neo-Nazis and white nationalists including Richard Spencer face to face and attends the now-infamous Unite the Right rally in Charlottesville as she seeks to understand the personal and political motivations behind the resurgence of far-right extremism in the U.S. Speaking with fascists, racists and proponents of alt-right ideologies, Deeyah, attempts to discover new possibilities for connection and solutions. As she tries to see beyond the headlines to the human beings, her own prejudices are challenged and her tolerance tested. When she finds herself in the middle of America's biggest and most violent far right rally in recent years, Deeyah's safety is jeopardized. Can she find it within herself to try and befriend the fascists she meets? The film is an urgent, resonant and personal look at race wars in America. Copyright limit: Your church can only show this DVD in a group of its own members (cannot advertise to the general public) 55 Minutes.



WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?: A FAITH CONVERSATION ON IMMIGRATION (123053) Designed for use in four 60-90 minute sessions, each class session blends DVD-based learning segments with conversation and reflection in small groups. Session titles: 1) We are all strangers in the land of Egypt; 2) What does the Lord require of you?; 3) Perfect love casts out fear; 4) The good Samaritan -- Who is my neighbor? Includes discussion guide.